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FISHER PLEADS FOR THE PHONE TRUST

*Gives Mayor Thompson the Opinion Predicted by The
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Forfeited to the City—The Big
Fight Now On.*

Summary of day's news in Automatic phone situation:

Judge Stephen Foster, special counsel for city gas-oil committee, springs new point that Chicago Tunnel Co. broke its franchise when it made an agreement to sell out to the Bell phone trust.

Walter Fisher reads 20,000 word opinion to gas-oil committee, which says in effect that city ought not to forfeit the automatic and should "be fair" to public service corporations.

Ettelson and Schuyler, attorneys for Chicago Tunnel Co., answer

Judge Foster's opinion and beg city not to forfeit Automatic system because it would stop the sale to Bell phone trust and their clients would lose \$6,300,000.

A 56-page brief by Judge Foster given to gas-oil committee today rakes the Chicago Tunnel Co. as a franchise-breaker trying to make a clean-up of \$6,300,000 by a sell-out, which sell-out the city distinctly forbade in the 1899 ordinance, and which the Automatic company promised never to make.